

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2015 for the Department of Commerce, after receiving testimony from Penny Pritzker, Secretary of Commerce.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the posture of the Department of the Air Force in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2015 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Deborah Lee James, Secretary, and General Mark A. Welsh III, Chief of Staff, both of the Department of the Air Force, Department of Defense.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces concluded a hearing to examine strategic forces programs of the National Nuclear Security Administration and the Office of Environmental Management of the Department of Energy in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2015 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Bruce Held, Acting Administrator, Donald L. Cook, Deputy Administrator for Defense Programs, and Admiral John M. Richardson, Deputy Administrator, Office of Naval Reactors, all of the National Nuclear Security Administration, and James Owendoff, Acting Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Environmental Management, all of the Department of Energy.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on SeaPower concluded a hearing to examine Navy shipbuilding programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2015 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Sean J. Stackley, Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research, Development and Acquisition, Vice Admiral Joseph P. Mulloy, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Integration of Capabilities and Resources, and Vice Admiral William H. Hilarides, Commander, Naval Sea Systems Command, all of the Department of Defense.

ELECTRIC GRID RELIABILITY AND SECURITY

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine how to increase the reliability and security of the nation's electric grid from cyber and physical attacks, after receiving testimony from Cheryl A. LaFleur, Acting Chairman, and Philip D. Moeller, Commissioner, both of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Department of Energy; Gerry Cauley, North American Electric Reliability Corporation, Sue Kelly, American Public Power Association, Colette D. Honorable, National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, Michael J. Kormos, PJM Interconnection L.L.C., Nicholas K. Akins, American Electric Power, Thad Hill, Calpine Corporation, and James L. Hunter, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, all of Washington, DC; and Cheryl L. Roberto, Environmental Defense Fund, Columbus, Ohio.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES BUDGET

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2015, after receiving testimony from Kathleen G. Sebelius, Secretary of Health and Human Services.

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT BUDGET

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2015 for international development priorities, after receiving testimony from Rajiv Shah, Administrator, United States Agency for International Development.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. Res. 410, expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the anniversary of the Armenian Genocide, with amendments;

S. Res. 413, recognizing 20 years since the genocide in Rwanda, and affirming it is in the national interest of the United States to work in close coordination with international partners to help prevent and mitigate acts of genocide and mass atrocities; and

Lists in the Foreign Service.

TRANSATLANTIC SECURITY CHALLENGES

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on European Affairs concluded a hearing to examine transatlantic security challenges, focusing on Central and

Eastern Europe, after receiving testimony from Victoria Nuland, Assistant Secretary of State for European and Eurasian Affairs; Derek Chollet, Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs; and Julianne Smith, Center for a New American Security, Ian J. Brzezinski, Atlantic Council Brent Scowcroft Center on International Security, and Edward C. Chow, Center for Strategic and International Studies Energy and National Security Program, all of Washington, DC.

OVERSIGHT OF SMALL AGENCIES

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Financial and Contracting Oversight concluded an oversight hearing to examine small agencies, including an original bill entitled “Small Agency Inspector General Act”, after receiving testimony from Peggy E. Gustafson, Inspector General, Small Business Administration, on behalf of the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency; Osvaldo Luis Gratacos, Inspector General, Export-Import Bank of the United States; Hubert Sparks, Inspector General, Appalachian Regional Commission; Michael Carroll, Acting Inspector General, United States Agency for International

Development; and Beryl H. Davis, Director, Financial Management and Assurance, Government Accountability Office.

STRONG START FOR AMERICA'S CHILDREN ACT

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine expanding access to quality early learning, focusing on the “Strong Start for America’s Children Act”, after receiving testimony from Mayor Angel Taveras, Providence, Rhode Island; John E. Pepper, Jr., Proctor and Gamble Company, Cincinnati, Ohio, on behalf of ReadyNation/America’s Edge; Steven Barnett, Rutgers University National Institute for Early Education Research, New Brunswick, New Jersey; and Grover J. Whitehurst, Brookings Institution Brown Center on Education Policy, Washington, DC.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 41 public bills, H.R. 4445–4485; and 7 resolutions, H.J. Res. 114; H. Con. Res. 97; and H. Res. 550–554 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 863, to establish the Commission to Study the Potential Creation of a National Women’s History Museum, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 113–411, Pt. 1);

H.R. 2657, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to sell certain Federal lands in Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, and Wyoming, previously identified as suitable for disposal, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 113–412); and

H.R. 4032, to exempt from Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 certain water transfers by the North Texas Municipal Water District and the Greater Texoma Utility Authority, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 113–413, Pt. 1).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Foxx to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker’s approval of the Journal by voice vote.

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Establishing the budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2015 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2016 through 2024: The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 96, to establish the budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2015 and to set forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2016 through 2024, by a yea-and-nay vote of 219 yeas to 205 nays, Roll No. 177. Consideration of the measure began on Tuesday, April 8th.

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Rejected:

Woodall amendment in the nature of a substitute (No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 113–405) that sought to balance the budget in four years and cut discretionary spending to FY2008 levels (by a recorded vote of 133 yeas to 291 nays, Roll No. 175) and

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Van Hollen amendment in the nature of a substitute (No. 5 printed in H. Rept. 113–405) that